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Professor J. Koseki attended 2nd International Conference on Performance-based Design in Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering held in Taormina, Italy, 28-30 May 2012. He made an invited at the University of Cassino, Italy on 31 May and conducted surveys on damage induced by the May 20 & 29, 2012 earthquakes in North Italy.

Professor J. Koseki attended International Workshop on Advances in Multiphysical Testing of Soils and Shales held in Lausanne, Switzerland, 3-5 September 2012.

Professor J. Koseki visited Sichuan districts, China, on 12-17 October, 2012 to conduct surveys on large-scale slope failure induced by the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake.

Associate Professor R. Kuwano, together with a graduate student of Kuwano laboratory, attended symposium on dynamic testing of soil and rock: field and laboratory, held in San Diego, USA, in 28– 29 June 2012.

Associate Professor R. Kuwano, together with a graduate student of Kuwano laboratory, attended the 11th International Symposium on New Technologies for Urban Safety of Mega Cities in Asia held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, in 10 - 12 October 2012.

Associate Professor R. Kuwano visited Yangon Technology University, Myanmar, on 29-30 January 2013 to give a lecture on infrastructure management.

Dr. H. Choi visited Miyagi prefectures, Japan and investigated the damage and structural characteristics of an 11th story R/C building affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011, during the period of January 5 and 17 to 19.

Dr. N. Takahashi, Dr. H. Choi, Mr. KW. Jin, and Mr. T. Asai attended the 15th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering held in Lisbon, Portugal, during the period of September 24 to 28. Dr. N. Takahashi presented "A Quantification Model for Crack Propagation of R/C Members under Earthquake Loading". Dr. H. Choi presented "Analytical Estimation of Seismic Response of a Typical R/C Building Damaged by the 2009 West Sumatra Earthquake in Indonesia". Mr. KW. Jin presented "Failure Mechanism and Seismic Capacity of RC Frames with URM Wall considering Its Diagonal Strut". Mr. T. Asai presented "Tsunami Load Evaluation Based on Field Investigations of the 2011 Great East

Japan Earthquake", respectively.

Dr. N. Takahashi and Dr. H. Choi visited Italy and investigated the structural characteristics after repair of the Augusta Airship Hangar using micro-tremor measurement during the period of November 11 to 17.

Professor Y. Nakano, Dr. N. Takahashi, Dr. H. Choi, Mr. HK. Lee, and Mr. T. Motomura visited Iwate and Miyagi prefectures, Japan affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011, during the period of November 22 to 25 to investigate the present situation of those areas after the earthquake.

Associate Professor T. Kiyota attended the International Symposium on Engineering Lessons Learned from the Giant Earthquake, Japan, 3-4 March 2012.

Associate Professor T. Kiyota attended the 5th Taiwan-Japan Joint Workshop on Geotechnical Hazards from Large Earthquakes and Heavy Rainfall, Taiwan, 12 - 15 November 2012.

Associate Professor T. Kiyota visited Dalian University of Technology in China and gave a lecture "Recent issues on liquefaction after the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake", 30 November-1 December 2012.

Mr. Makoto FUJIU, a PH.D candidate of Ohara Laboratory won the excellent presentation award for young researchers at the spring conference of Institute of Social Safety Science in May, 2012.

Professor Kawaguchi was invited to a meeting, KKE Vision Osaka, organized by Kozo Keikaku Engineering Inc. and held in Osaka on Mar. 8, 2013. He provided a special lecture concerning the safety of ceiling.

Professor Kawaguchi was invited to a meeting, KKE Vision 2012, organized by Kozo Keikaku Engineering Inc. and held in Tokyo on Oct. 24-26, 2012. He provided a special lecture concerning the safety of ceiling.

Professor K. Meguro, Dr. M. Numada, Dr. S. Kondo, Dr. A. Kawasaki, and Mr. Saleem Muhammad Umair visited Lisbon, Portugal to attend the 15th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering from 21 to 30 September, 2012. From his research group, totally 11

papers were presented including Prof. Meguro's two invited speeches.

Prof. K. Meguro and Dr. Numada visited Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 8 to 12 October, 2012 with ICUS members to hold and attend the 11th International Symposium on New Technologies for Urban Safety of Mega Cities in Asia (11USMCA). After 11 USMCA, Prof. K. Meguro visited Beijing, China from 13 to 18 October to attend and give invited lecture at the 1st Asia-located conference information systems for crisis response and management (ISCRM-Asia 2012 Conference).

Prof. K. Meguro was invited and visited Cheju Island, Korea from 13 to 15 November, 2012 to attend the 2nd International Conference on Computational Design in Engineering (CODE 2012) and gave keynote speech "Toward Implementation of Proper Disaster Countermeasures for Minimalizing Negative Impact due to Future Large Disasters."

Dr. M. Numada, and Mr. Saleem Muhammad Umair visited Hong Kong to attend the 2nd International Conference on Civil Engineering and Building Materials (CEBM2012) from 17 to 18 November, 2012.

Prof. K. Meguro visited Kathmandu, Nepal from 3 to 9 January, 2013 to supervise his JSPS RONPAKU (PhD dissertation) fellow. He was also invited many disaster-related organizations to give lectures. Lectures that he gave in Kathmandu were "Role of private sector on promoting safer building construction: Experience from Japan" at the seminar jointly organized by the National Society for Earthquake Technology- Nepal (NSET), International Center for Urban Safety Engineering (ICUS) and the Federation of Nepal Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FNCCI), "Total Earthquake Risk Management in Developing Countries" at the special seminar by the Nepal Association of Engineers, and "Use of appropriate technology and its promotion by social approach" at Japanese Ambassador's House.

Dr. Numada was invited New Delhi from 22 to 23 February, 2013 to give the lecture "Case Studies of Decision-making and response strategies of Central and Local governments" for "Building Disaster Resilient Societies: Lessons from Japan."

Prof. K. Meguro visited Yangon, Myanmar from 14 to 19 March, 2013 to give special lectures for graduate students and faculty of Yangon Technological University and Mandalay Technological University. The title of his lecture was "Total Disaster Management for

Implementation of Disaster Safer Built Environment.”

Prof. K. Meguro has published 94 technical papers including conference papers in 2012. Among them, 43 papers were written in English and are listed in this volume. Newspapers and TV have introduced and reported his various research topics and outputs 10 times in academic year of 2012. He has given special lectures as an invited lecturer 49 times by Japanese organizations and 12 times by oversea and international organizations.